



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
**NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH  
Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

September 13, 2022

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2022-001736

Dear Ms. Beverly C. Banks (Law360.com):

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on August 15, 2022, in which you seek the Employer's April 15 objections to an election; April 27 order transferring cases; May 27 tally ballots; May 27 settlement stipulation; Petitioner's June 16 motion to postpone; Employer's June 17 opposition; Employer's June 27 motion to consolidate cases; June 29 RD order; and Employer's June 30 motion to consolidate cases in *Starbucks Corporation*, Case No. 14-RC-289926. You assumed financial responsibility for the processing of your request in the amount of \$37.00.

We acknowledged your request on August 15, 2022. Your request for expedited processing was granted.

A search of the Agency's electronic casehandling system, NxGen, has been conducted. This search has located the requested records, consisting of 174 pages of responsive, releasable records from the case file, which are attached.

After a review, I have determined that portions of the attached records are exempt from disclosure under Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C)). Specifically, redactions have been made to protect the privacy interests of individuals named in the records. These redactions were made pursuant to Exemption 6, which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and Exemption 7(C), which pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.  
5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C)

The redactions pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C) also were applied to the names of NLRB personnel involved in the case as the privacy interests of the named NLRB personnel outweigh any need for disclosure of their identities or positions. See, e.g., *Bloomgarden v. NARA*, 798 F. App'x 674, 676 (D.C. Cir.

2020); *Scott v. Treas. Insp. Gen. for Tax. Admin.*, 787 F. App'x 642, 644 (11th Cir. 2019). Moreover, the records, as redacted, are sufficient to inform the public about the Employer's objections. See *Steese, Evans & Frankel, P.C. v. SEC*, No. 10-1071, 2010 U.S. Dist. WL 5072011, at \*10-11 (D. Colo. Dec. 7, 2010).

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category C, as a representative of the news media, in that you qualify as a person "actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public." NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(1)(vii). Accordingly, there is no charge assessed for this request.

You may contact William T. Hearne, the Attorney-Advisor who processed your request, at (202) 273-0139 or by email at [william.hearne@nrlrb.gov](mailto:william.hearne@nrlrb.gov), as well as the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the FOIA Specialist or Attorney-Advisor, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison is:

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Telephone: (202) 273-0902  
Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: (202) 741-5770  
Toll free: (877) 684-6448  
Fax: (202) 741-5769

You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at: <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> or by mail or email at:

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Chief FOIA Officer  
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Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the FOIA Specialist, Attorney-Advisor, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Synta E. Keeling*

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FOIA Officer

Attachment: (174 pages)